

IDAHO BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Conference Call Minutes of 6/29/2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Aaron J Warner, O.D. - Chair
Lance W Fagan, O.D.
Terri L Haley, O.D.
William Von Tagen
Jared Walker, O.D.

DIVISION STAFF: Susan Buxton, Interim Division Administrator
Dawn Hall, Deputy Division Administrator
Julie Eavenson, Licensing Group Manager
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Rob McQuade, Legal Counsel
Nicki Chopski, Section Chief
Cesley Metcalfe, Board Specialist
Roam Yocham, Board Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa White, Idaho Optometric Physicians
Lance Giles, Idaho Optometric Physicians
Kris Ellis, Idaho Optometric Physicians
Sara Olson, Idaho Medical Association
Jason Kreizenbeck, Lobby Idaho
Carlie Foster, Lobby Idaho

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM MDT by Aaron J Warner, OD.

INTRODUCTIONS

Susan Buxton introduced herself to the Board as the Interim Division Administrator and gave a brief description of Governor Little's recently issued executive order that consolidates regulatory boards under the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

Nicki Chopski introduced herself to the Board as the Executive Director of the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy and the newly named Section Chief for the future Health Professions section of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

LAWS AND RULES

Mr. McQuade advised the Board against including a scope of practice expansion in any legislation for the 2021 session.

Dr. Warner stated that the Board feels that it laid the groundwork for a scope expansion during the 2021 session and does not want to lose any gains. Dr. Warner further stated that he does not want to submit two separate bills; one that would include a scope expansion and one that would be a clean-up bill.

Ms. Ellis stated that the number of supportive ophthalmologists is rising and that the Idaho Optometric Physicians (IOP) looks forward to possibly submitting a bill with a scope expansion for the 2022 session. Ms. Ellis further stated that the IOP would likely not submit a bill for the 2021 session unless all interested parties reach an agreement quickly.

The Board agreed to continue working with interested parties to find a resolution.

NEXT MEETING was confirmed for August 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Haley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 AM MDT. It was seconded by Mr. von Tagen. Motion carried.

Aaron J Warner, O.D., Chair